Leaking Roof of Bangalore Airport

28. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the roof of Bangalore Airport leaked during this monsoon also ;

(b) if so, when the roof leakage was first noticed ;

(c) what action government have initiated against those responsible for negligence ;

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted ; and

(e) if so, what are the findings of the enquiry ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (e) The leakage in the roof of the Terminal Building of the Bangalore Airport was noticed on 15-10-1993. This was due to continuous heavy rains in October, 1993. Immediate acton was taken to stop the leakage.

Reconstitution of ITDC Board

29. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of members of the ITDC Board as at present ;

(b) what are their names and the period for which they have been appointed ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to reconstitute the ITDC Board ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) At present following members have been appointed as Directors on the Board of Directors of ITDC until further orders :

1. Shri Anil Bhandari, Chairman & Managing Director, ITDC
2. Shri S. S. Boparai, K. C. Director General (Tourism).

(c) and (d) The proposal regarding reconstitution of the ITDC Board is under process.

Proposal for abolition of inland Air Travel Tax

30. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to seek Cabinet's clearance for abolition of Inland Air Travel Tax (IATT), reduction in prices of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), and subsidy for Indian Airlines (IA) for flying on uneconomical sectors, as reported in the Economic Times dated 18th November, 1993 published from New Delhi ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reosons therefor ;

(c) whether it is a fact that with the traffic not growing and revenues falling it has left airlines in a tight spot and it is feared that private air taxi operators would have to close and IA may face severe losses ; and

(d) if so, in what manner the Central Government propose to help the IA indicating reaction/views of concerned Ministries in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) Low growth in traffic, decline in passenger load factore, high cost structure, and fares lower than comparable fares internationally are adversely affecting the viability of air transport operaters in the country, including Indian Airlines. The latter also operates several uneconomic routes with a view to maintaining services to remote areas. Government are, therefore, considering various measures to provide relief. The measures under consideration include reduction in the prices of Aviation Turbine Fuel, abolition of Inland Air Travel Tax and subsidy to Indian Airlines for operating on uneconomic routes.